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SOURCE

1. During the first week in November 1952, several units of the Division Torgelow were transferred as many soldiers had fallen ill as a result of the emergency quartering in tents. The 3d Inf Regt (A) was transferred to Loebau and the artillery regiment (B) to Kirchmooser. The tank regiment (C) was quartered in a permanent barracks installation which had recently been constructed in the woods about 7 km south of Torgelow. The 1st Inf Regt was stationed in Pinnow. Source learned that, contrary to previous indications, the headquarters of the Division Torgelow would temporarily remain in Prenzlau and that the construction work in the area of Torgelow would be speeded up. About 12,000 of the expected 100,000 specialists were actually now at work.¹
2. The headquarters of Kasernierte Volkspolizei Dienststelle (KVPD) 1213 was stationed in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Prenzlau. On 28 November 1952, it had a ration strength of 97 officers and 87 NCOs and personnel. Officers of the headquarters included: Major Klinker (fnu), PK chief; Captain Langut (fnu), officer in charge of NCOs and EM; and Senior Lieutenant Dederke (fnu), officer in charge of AMOL matters.²
3. The Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Prenzlau also quartered: the 1st Bn of the 2d Inf Regt in a strength of 50 officers and 600 NCOs and EM; the 3d Bn of the 2d Inf Regt in a strength of 49 officers and 474 NCOs and EM; and the SP battery in a strength of 8 officers and 31 NCOs and EM. The 2d Bn of the 2d Inf Regt had a strength of 54 officers and 527 NCOs and personnel and, in addition to other unidentified elements of the division, was quartered in the barracks installation on Alsen Strasse.²
4. Official records indicated that, on 10 November 1952, the division had 4,926 type 44 carbines with accessories and 4,000 model 38 carbines.³
5. An order issued by the HVKVP demanded that: all VP personnel whose three-year term had expired and who did not want to reenlist be discharged; that these VPs be sent home individually; that their home address and working place be reported; that no collective dismissals are to take place; that discharge ceremonies be conducted; and that the discharges be commended and instructed by his superiors about his merits regarding national defense. Dischargees are obligated to spread propaganda for the national forces.⁴

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1. ☐ Comment. According to previous observations, the term Division Torgelow is incorrect and should read Division Prenzlau. The headquarters of KVPD 1213 apparently is the division headquarters. Elements of this division were transferred to winter quarters in late October, rather than early November. Deserters stated that, in addition to transfers to Kirchmoeser of an artillery regiment and to Loebau of the 3d Inf Regt, elements of another artillery regiment moved to Dessau-Kochstedt and the engineer battalion to Brandenburg-Hohenstuecken. Also, unidentified elements of the Division Prenzlau moved from the area of Torgelow to Pinnow where the 1st Inf Regt is stationed. The number of 100,000 specialists is believed to be an exaggeration.

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2. ☐ Comment. This information checks with previous information on the O/I situation in Prenzlau.

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3. ☐ Comment. The total strength of the Division Prenzlau is estimated at about 15,000. The total of about 9,000 carbines mentioned is probably correct.

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4. ☐ Comment. This decree is at variance with the present rearmament policy in East Germany. It is, therefore, believed that only a very small number of VPs will be allowed to obtain a discharge. Most of the VPs who serve long periods of service are urgently needed as instructors.

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